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## DATES TO REMEMBER

### REGULAR MEETING

Thursday July 6, 2006 - 7 PM

VE Testing @ 6:00 PM

Refreshments - Door Prizes

### HAMFEST SCHEDULE

Piney Hills (Ruston) - July 22

Leesville - August 12, 2006

Lake Charles - September 16

Pineville - October 14

Monroe - November 11, 2006

### Each Wednesday

**Lunch Bunch 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.**

Golden Corral - Amb. Caffery

Check 146.820 - repeater for info

**Each Monday, 7:00 p.m.**

AARA Net 146.820 - 600

**Each Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.**

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## President's Message

Just back from vacation with the grandkids. Really had a wonderful time!

Field Day 2006 is rapidly approaching. Setup will begin June 24th, Saturday morning around 8 AM, with operations for score starting at 1 PM. Location will be the same as the past four years --- "Frog Festival Fair Grounds in Rayne. Talk-in will be on the K5ARH repeater (146.820). Don't forget the club picnic on Sunday after tear down!

All system "Go" at the Children's Museum of Acadiana for the AARA Radio Station. Nick is presently scrounging around for Rohn tower sections and house brackets. If anyone has some to donate please e-mail Nick at K5QXJ@W5DDL.ORG. There should be more news at the next club meeting.

Danny K5ARH is having a difficult time VE Testing and attending the meeting with his VE's. Therefore, it is important that all applicants appear for test prior to 6 PM. **No one will be accepted for testing after 6:05 PM.** Testing and grading must be completed by 7 PM to allow the VE's to attend the club meeting. If this continues to be a problem, the Board will recommend that testing be done on Saturday mornings at a different location.

In order to assist fellow hams with technical questions, a "Question and Answer" session will be added at the end of club meetings. So, if you have any question about antennas, radios, grounds or station building in general, feel free to ask the questions. We have many experts who have been in ham radio for many years and we also have club members with very diverse backgrounds, so the answers should be forthcoming and helpful.

I was deeply saddened with the death of "Stu" Rohner, WD5FDD. He was very helpful to me as a club member and he did more than his share to make our club the best. Stu had many stories to tell and having been a Past President and Director of the AARA Club, he had the club best interest at all times. I will miss him!

John Martin, KA5BSE, recently had surgery to relieve the pain in his neck, back and arms. He is recovering quite well but will be a while before he is "back in action"! Get Well Soon, John!

God Bless and 73!



**Pictures of the AARA Field**

**Day 2006 can be found at:**

[http://www.w5ddl.org/clubsite/events/fd\\_2006/](http://www.w5ddl.org/clubsite/events/fd_2006/)

**HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY 4<sup>th</sup> OF JULY**

## Stewart Rohner, Sr. WD5FDD - SK

One of the AARA's Senior Members became a SK on Sunday, June 11th at 6:00 AM. Stu, as he was called, was loved by all that met him. I probably knew him somewhat more than any other member of the club. After his wife, Merrill passed away, Stu would go to the local Burger King each morning for his "biscuit and coffee", he did this almost every day for years and the employees had given him the nickname "Pops", they knew him so well they would have his order waiting when he reached the register. I started meeting him there two or three times a week and got to know him very well. He would tell me about his younger years, coming up thru the depression, working building cotton gins, serving in the U.S. Coast Guard in the Gulf during WWII, selling carpet with Sears, and managing a chain of Canal service stations. He was a truly amazing person and fun to be around. The only persons he did not care for were those who would mistreat old people, children, or animals.

Stu served a AARA President back in the 1980's and stayed very much involved in just about every event up until the time he started having medical problems.

When the club purchased the AMOS van, Stu wanted the job of taking care of the vehicle along with Calvin KD5JCT. These two guys did most of the carpentry work, mechanical work. I don't know how many trips Stu made to Duson to work on the van, but it was a lot. Before it was used for a event, Stu and Cal would give it a checkout. Everything had to be just "so-so". Stu was very meticulous on every detail, especially the

bent out of shape.

Stu was an Extra Class Licensed operator and operated a Ten-Tec Corsair with a 60 foot tower, hazer and tri-band beam. I have seen him jump in a DX pile-up and get right in there and make the contact, amazing!

His only son, Ed Rohner is making arrangements to have 30 foot of the tower donated to the Children's Museum of Acadiana with the stipulation that a plaque be presented to the museum in honor of Stu, the rest will go to the AARA for sale or used for some non profit organization.

Submitted by:  
Herman Campbell KN5GRK



STU ROHNER - WD5FDD

**A man that will  
not be forgotten!**

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## LOUISIANA SECTION NEWS -- MAY 2006

The ARRL Foundation has selected KD5UYP to be the second recipient of the LA Memorial Scholarship (\$500). Arthessius, who has been licensed since January 2003, reports that this is his first scholarship award and is very thankful to all the clubs that contributed to the scholarship fund.

The LA Section extends a warm welcome to the following new hams: Kelly KE5HNG, Ronald KE5HNW, Vickie KE5HNX, Mark KE5HOY, Claude KE5HOZ, Lenora KE5HPG, Darla KE5HPH, Joshua KE5HPI, Tonnice KE5HPJ, Charles KE5HPK, George KE5HPL, Ryan KE5HPM, Bradley KE5HPN, Willie KE5HTG, Amy KE5HXO, William KE5IJD, Rose KE5IJE, Sarah KE5IKA, Meghan KE5IKB, Harry KE5IKD, Leslie KE5ILT, Joe KE5ILU, Donald KE5ILV, Adam KE5ILW, Jimmie KE5ILX, Todd KE5IMA, Alma KE5IMB, Gwen KE5IRR, Michael KE5IRS, Carli KE5IRT, Donald KE5IRU, and Carolyn KE5IRV.

In addition to those identified in the October, March, and April monthly reports, the following amateurs from SW LA earned Emergency Communications Commendation certificates for their work during the 2005 hurricane season: WB5OZJ, WB5OZA, KE5ABA, W5ZWN, N5XKF, KE5CYQ, KB5RXS, KD5KSR, KE5COW, KM5QB, KA5NXT, AF5AA, KC5FGO, KA5QLT, WA5VDM, KC5RGW, WB5TUG, KC5NAD, W5JFW, KA5SUR, KG4MJK, KC5AHA, and WA5LQZ. Although the LA Section has recognized just over 200 amateurs in all for their service during Katrina and Rita, it is likely that a few of the deserving have still been overlooked.

WA5LQZ is now an Assistant Section Manager in addition to his SW LA DEC duties. As one of our two ASMs, Alan will focus his efforts on assisting K5GLS (LA SEC) with ARES issues. Our other ASM, W5PY, has agreed to be the new LA Traffic Net (LTN) Manager starting July 1. N5KWB has been the interim manager since Katrina forced NF5B to move to TN; Tom will continue as the LA Slow Net (LSN) Manager. By the way, LSN has recently added a second session every Monday at 6:45 pm on 3680 kHz.

The LA Section ARES Emergency Operations Plan - June 2006 is now posted on the section web site under the LA Section ARES page [www.learl.org/laares.htm](http://www.learl.org/laares.htm). The updated plan includes a new section on digital messaging, along with copies of our two MOUs with our neighbors in AR, MS, STX, and TN. All ARES members, traffic handlers, and anyone else interested in emergency communications (emcomm) should familiarize themselves with the plan and keep a hard copy handy. I want to thank AE5V and WA5LQZ for assisting K5GLS with the revised plan.

The latest issue of the LA Section Net Newsletter is now available at [www.learl.org/netnews.html](http://www.learl.org/netnews.html). The ability to send and receive formal written messages via one or more modes is a fundamental skill that every emcomm minded amateur should possess. Although you can learn much by reading about the subject, you have to do it on a reasonably regular basis to be a competent traffic handler. As pointed out in the ARRL's Public Service Communications Manual, a primary objective of the National Traffic System (NTS) in general, and our section's traffic nets in particular, is training amateur operators to handle written traffic and participate in directed nets.

At the risk of belaboring the importance of traffic handling, I want to quote from another League publication, The Radio Amateur's Operating Manual: "...Although message handling is as old an art as amateur radio itself, there are still many amateurs who do not know how to handle a message and have never done so. Thorough familiarity with traffic handling is the mark of an all-around operator, even though he may devote most of his time to other amateur pursuits. No amateur's operating education is complete unless he is a capable traffic handler. Traffic work need not be a complicated or time-consuming activity for the casual or occasional message handler. Amateurs may participate in traffic work to whatever extent they wish. The basics of traffic handling are simple and easy for any operator to conquer." Even though these words were written over 35 years ago, they are still relevant today.

I am very sorry to report that KB5RKO, K5HFE, and WD5FDD are now Silent Keys.

Upcoming hamfests include the Piney Hills ARA Hamfest on July 22 in Ruston, the West Central LA ARC Hamfest on August 12 in Leesville, the Southwest LA Amateur Repeater Club Hamfest in Lake Charles on September 16, the Central LA ARC Hamfest on October 14 in Pineville, and the Twin City Ham Club Hamfest / LA State Convention on

November 11 in Monroe.

Traffic totals: K5MC 103, W4DLZ 78, WA5LQZ 48, AE5V 26, W5PY 20, N5KWB 16, WC5M 5.

Public Service Honor Roll: W5PY 165, K5ER 119, K5MC 110, N5KWB 91, W4DLZ 90, AE5V 85, N5MEL 83, W5HUD 78, N5HMH 52, KB5UHH 33.

Section net reports: sessions/check-ins/ messages handled. Louisiana Traffic Net: 28/339/35. Louisiana CW Net: 62/276/72. Louisiana ARES Net: 4/83.

Local/district net reports: sessions/check-ins. Cameron Parish ARES Net: 4/10. Claiborne Parish ARES Net: 1/10. Desota Parish ARES Net: 3/17. Franklin Parish ARES Net: 1/12. Lafayette Parish ARES Net: 5/30. Rapides Parish ARES Net: 2/10. Richland Parish ARES Net: 7/82. St. Mary Parish ARES Net: 2/5. St. Tammany Parish ARES Net: 5/21. Tangipahoa Parish ARES Net: 5/102. Union Parish ARES Net: 4/33. Vernon Parish ARES Net: 2/15.

ARES reports: parish/EC. Allen/KA5NXT, Avoyelles/KD5IGG, Caddo/Bossier/NZ5S, Calcasieu/KC5FGO, Cameron/WA5LQZ, Claiborne/KD5JJP, Desota/AA5HY, East Baton Rouge/N5ULA, Franklin/N5ASA, Jefferson Davis/WA5LQZ, Lafourche/N5PZJ, Morehouse/KB5SAR, Ouachita/K5ER, Red River/KD5IUZ, Richland/N5MEL, St. Mary/KA5LMZ, St. Tammany/KC5EAK, Tangipahoa/KD5PKS, Union/KA5JNL, Vernon/WB5JZQ, Washington/AI5B, Winn/KC5EWJ.

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### AARA JULY MEETING

Thursday, July 6th at  
7:00 PM - Red Cross  
Bldg.  
101 N. Pat St., Scott, LA  
VE testing will begin  
promptly at 6:00 PM. Try  
to be there on time. No



## AARA Field Day 2006

With a long standing tradition of Field Day activities, the Acadiana Amateur Radio Association set out to reinvigorate their annual entry in Field Day 2006. All club members' participation in every aspect was of the utmost importance, and this year was a resounding success.

Members and former members gathered at Gossen Memorial Park in Rayne, La. to cheer on, support, and operate in W5DDL's Field Day station. Two trailers were set up, both running from generator power, in order to protect our well decorated list of operators from the sweltering Louisiana daytime heat and world famous nighttime mosquito population. Support personnel came from far and wide to assemble antennas, raise towers, repair coax connectors, supply food and drinks and to show our newcomers what Ham Radio was all about. Boys from our local Boy Scout Troop along with their leader came out to help setup, operate, and learn about Ham Radio. Through word of mouth and a blitz of advertising prior to the weekend, we received guests from all over the Acadiana area who wanted to simply visit and or operate, opening a whole new world of ham radio to plenty of them.

W5DDL operated in the 2A class, along with bonus points earned from the GOTA station, satellite contacts, solar powered contacts, ARRL officials, Traffic Net participation, digital contacts, section manager messages, public location event staging, information table, ARRL handouts, and numerous other Field Day requirements aimed at enhancing our public awareness and maximizing our score.

The weekend's events were wrapped up on Sunday with a huge bar-b-que, giving our well-deserved operators and support personnel a relaxing moment to sit and unwind, as well as an opportunity for all club members to enjoy one another's company and swap tall tales.

As chairman, I'd like to thank all of our workers whose participation was vital in our weekend event. Those who volunteered for something did an overwhelmingly successful job in their duties, and it showed in our successful score and our successful weekend. I hope that next year we'll improve on the things that need improvement, and increase our club member's enjoyment and satisfaction in a job well done!

Charlie  
K15XP  
FIELD DAY 2006 CHAIRPERSON

**Parting shot  
as we say  
"FARWELL"  
to another  
Field Day -  
Well Done!**



07/01	K5UA	Charles
07/01	WA5TNK	Ed
07/18	N5YCS	Joy
07/18	KE5CMU	Paul
07/21	NQ2V	John
07/22	N5RLM	Rick
07/22	W5WMU	Pat
07/23	WB5GAF	Ralph
07/23	KD5QYV	Kris
07/27	KD5JCT	Calvin
08/01	KC5BLQ	Neil
08/10	KC5BK	Everett



Some members failed to put their birthdays on their applications for renewal / membership application, this is why some may not be listed.

## WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS

The AARA would like to extend our welcome to the following new members.

Wayne Morton - KE5IXQ  
Allen Fontenot - KD5OZJ

## Antenna Party

During the month of June, a couple of antenna erection events took place. The first was at the QTH of Herman KN5GRK. I had purchased a Hy-Gain TH-3 and Ham IV rotor from the estate of SK Wiltz Hanks KA5ABD about 2 1/2 years ago and a hazer, winch, thrust bearing, ect. from John Holliman WA5TWL shortly afterwards. After rebuilding the TH-3 and it sitting on milk crates for about a year, it was finally hoisted on the tower on Sunday June 4th, thanks to the following crew.



Scotty N5MEG      Danny KD5JSM      Calvin KD5JCT  
John KA5BSE      Mike KE5AWZ      Glenn KD5NVC

Scotty did the tower work which went along without any hitches with the help of the ground support. The antenna works extremely well, and I am very proud to have it up and going.

On Thursday May 25, 2006, the long awaited "Hole in the Wall" job was done at the Lafayette Salvation Army for the K5LSA station antenna entrance into the building. Those helping out on this project were: Roland NA5Q (Club President) John KA5BSE, Troy KE5BLF (Disaster Operations for the SA), John Kelly (SA Board Member), and myself Herman KN5GRK.

On Sunday afternoon June 11th, Danny Daigle KD5JSM and Glenn Breaux KD5NVC and myself helped install a 2 meter "J" pole and coax along with a yard arm with pulleys for hanging a 75/40 meter dipole on the Salvation Army tower. Danny did the tower work, and boy was the sun hot. It's a wonder Danny didn't pass out up there. The tower, antennas, coax and work were donated by the AARA and club members

## Pre-Field Day Checkout Volunteers

(a little late but they deserve recognition)

On Saturday May 20, 2006, the following persons showed up in Dusan at Rick Breaux's N5RLM QTH to check out the tower trailer, tower and new  
(continued on next column)



KN5GRK's TH-3 Beam Antenna

Yaesu 800SA rotor. The tower was greased, winch and cable checked, the small generator on the back of AMOS checked along with the AMOS van starting system. Rick is in the process of building a quick disconnect wiring connector for the rotor.

John KA5BSE, Danny KD5JSM, Tim N5RKK, Rick N5RLM, Shannon KE5CKT, and one non-club member (a prospect) Albert KF5WP from Egan, and Roland NA5Q helped out on this project.

On Saturday May 27, the following persons checked out the antenna coax and 5kw Onan generator trailer. John KA5BSE, Charlie KI5XP, Roland NA5Q and Ken KD5QYV. Some of the connectors needed replacement, Charlie and Roland is in the process of doing that.

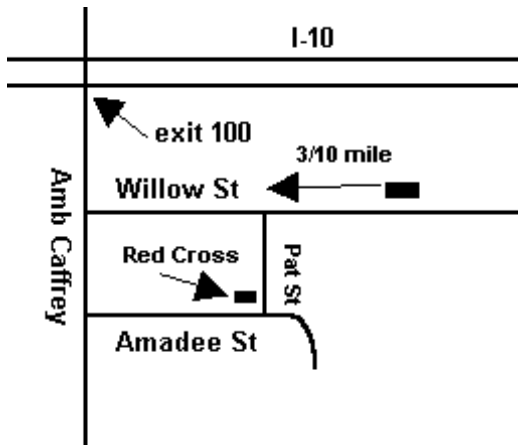
Our thanks go out to Glen Langston WA5TAQ for the donation of the 2 element 40 meter beam that will be used for Field Day. Roland NA5Q has overhauled and checked it out for the event.

## QRZ CDROM Data Base

If you are interested in purchasing a QRZ CD Data Base (latest version) for \$15.00 instead of \$29.95, please contact John KA5BSE. If we order in lots of 10 we can get them at at the

**Acadiana Amateur Radio Assoc., Inc.**  
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***A complete AARA Field  
Day 2006 report will be in  
the August issue of the  
LARC***

**COMPLEMENTARY  
ISSUE**

## **From Carolyns' Kitchen Corner (KA5IJU)**

### **FIESTA CHICKEN**

1 TBSP. OIL  
3 LBS. BONELESS CHICKEN BREASTS,  
CUT IN 1-IN PIECES  
1 ONION CHOPPED  
1 GREEN BELL PEPPER, CHOPPED  
3 CLOVES GARLIC, MINCED

1 JALAPENO PEPPER, CHOPPED  
1 14 OZ. CAN MEXICAN STYLE  
DICED TOMATOES  
1/4 TSP. CUMIN  
1 TSP. OREGANO

In a large skillet, heat the oil, and cook the chicken pieces until browned. Remove and drain. Place the onion, green pepper, garlic and jalapeno pepper in skillet, and saute until slightly cooked. Add all of the other ingredients, plus the chicken to the skillet. Cover; cook on low about 20 minutes.

Serves a large family.

Carolyn

**If you have a favorite receipe, we would like to  
hear from you.**



### **FCC LICENSE INFO SERVICE**

The FCC toll-free (WATS) number for Amateur Radio license inquiries - including inquiries about vanity and new call signs. The number, 888-225-5322, will connect callers to the FCC National Call Center, handled by the FCC's Consumer Information Bureau. Amateurs having ULS problems or questions should contact the FCC's ULS Technical Support staff at 202-414-1250 or [ulscomm@fcc.gov](mailto:ulscomm@fcc.gov). Web site:

**<http://wireless.fcc.gov/uls/>**

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